

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday are we working for ourselves and our own family.

We are talking about a historic budget agreement between the Congress and the President. Let us make sure a substantial part of that budget agreement has to do with tax relief. Let us get the Government off the backs of the American taxpayers. Let us cut taxes and do it now.

#### TRIBUTE TO SGT. PAUL L. COLE

(Ms. STABENOW asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. Speaker, this week is National Police Week, a week set aside each year to honor our law enforcement officers and to pay special tribute to the 600,000 sworn officers who put their lives on the line for our protection.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to one of those very special officers in my community who died in the line of duty in 1996, Sergeant Paul L. Cole.

On Sunday, October 6, 1996, the Ingham County Sheriff's Department suffered a terrible loss when Sergeant Paul L. Cole was killed in a traffic accident. Sergeant Cole was en route to a domestic problem when several deer jumped in front of his patrol vehicle, causing it to slide out of control. The vehicle struck a tree, killing Sergeant Cole instantly.

Sergeant Cole was a 19-year veteran of the sheriff's department, serving in both corrections and field services. He was a department dog handler and promoted to sergeant in September 1995.

Paul has a loving wife, Kathy, and three loving children, Heather Marie, Paul Wayne, and Andrew Scott.

On behalf of the citizens of Michigan, Mr. Speaker, I wish to pay tribute to the service of Sergeant Paul L. Cole to Ingham County, MI. He was an outstanding public servant.

#### CANADA'S EFFORTS TO SEEK PROMPT NEGOTIATIONS TO BAN ANTIPERSONNEL LANDMINES

(Mr. EVANS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, I know we all applaud President Clinton's decision last year to seek a global ban on antipersonnel landmines, but the administration is seeking to achieve a ban through the U.N. Conference on Disarmament, known as the CD.

Since the CD operates by consensus, any Nation that opposes this ban can hold up the progress of achieving such a ban. This year, however, the Canadian Government will be hosting a conference at the end of the year to negotiate a ban treaty. Over 50 nations have agreed to sign the treaty at the conference. It is our best chance to get a treaty this year.

United States leadership is crucial to the success of the Canadians efforts. I urge my colleagues to urge the President to help stop the endless cycle of violence produced by AP landmines by helping us get a treaty this year through the Canadian conference.

#### WHO REALLY BENEFITS FROM REDUCTION IN CAPITAL GAINS TAX?

(Mr. HEFLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, why do Republicans and most economists want to reduce the taxes on capital gains? Because it is so important to the economy of this country.

Mr. Speaker, this is vitally important to all Americans, even those who do not own a single piece of stock, who do not own their own home, who do not participate in any pension plan, and who do not have a dime in any mutual funds. In fact, I would even argue that this issue may be even more important to those Americans than to those who actually own capital.

How can this be? Our economy depends on investment capital to create jobs. The lower the tax on investment capital, the more the economy will grow and the more jobs created, jobs that people in my district need. And it is often those with no capital of their own who are most in need of an expanding economy and more job opportunities.

We need to pass a balanced budget that cuts the tax on capital gains. Job seekers everywhere around the country are counting on it.

#### DEMOCRATS RELIEVED AT RESTORATION OF WIC FUNDING

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it has been said that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. Today House Democrats should be extremely flattered by the Republican action on today's supplemental appropriations bill.

A few weeks ago the Republican majority on the Committee on Appropriations voted down a Democratic amendment to provide \$76 million needed for the Women, Infants and Children Program. And in the weeks since, Democrats have been speaking out to the press, on the floor, and back home in their districts about the need to restore the funding for this program.

We have explained that WIC is a program that works; that WIC saves the Federal Government money; that WIC provides assistance to those in our society that need it, pregnant women and young children; and that WIC reflects the best values of this country of ours.

I am happy today that Republicans have finally come around to our way of

thinking, for they have now voted to include the very funding their colleagues voted down only a few short weeks ago, and I am glad to see that they have decided to follow our lead.

Now, 180,000 women and children will sleep better tonight knowing that they will continue to receive the vital assistance that the WIC Program provides.

#### CONGRESS IN AWKWARD POSITION WITH REGARD TO BUDGET DEAL

(Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, this Congress is in an awkward position. Congress must decide whether to accept the budget deal negotiated with the President that proposed the biggest entitlement expansion in history, a President that tried to nationalize one-seventh of the U.S. economy, a President that only 4 years ago passed the largest tax increase in U.S. history. Clearly, making a deal with the President with that track record must be viewed with caution.

But the American people have also voted to elect the Congress that will do exactly that. So these are the questions I am asking.

First, does the budget really balance by the year 2002?

Second, does this budget provides permanent tax relief to working families?

Third, does this budget provide for adequate defense spending?

Fourth, will this budget result in more jobs for my constituents, more job opportunities for college graduates and a higher standard of living for Americans?

And fifth, will this budget contain policies that tend to weaken or strengthen the family?

Those are the questions, Mr. Speaker, I will be asking, and the answers to those questions will determine which way I will vote.

#### WIC IS GOOD HUMAN INVESTMENT PROGRAM

(Mr. ROEMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, there are two kinds of disasters, natural disasters and human disasters. Many human disasters can be prevented, and one of the ways we prevent those is to invest in programs like the WIC Program, Women, Infant and Children, that save babies from being born at premature birth weights, low birth weights, and anemic conditions.

An investment in this program, for every \$1, saves the American taxpayer \$3.54 in later social costs. This is a great program.

I am delighted that after initially cutting \$38 million, the Republicans